

**REMARKS**

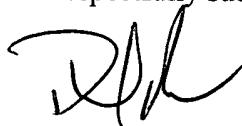
Claims 1-16 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 17-39. No new matter has been added.

The prior application is assigned of record to International Business Machines Corporation at Reel 010036, and Frame 0142.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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